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SUBJECT: FY 78 ASSISTANCE AND SALES TO GREECE AND TURKEY

1. HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (HIRC) MET
MAY 3 TO MARK-UP INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND ARMS
EXPORT CONTROL ACT OF 1977, COVERING FY 78 SECURITY
ASSISTANCE. CHANGES RELATING TO GREECE, TURKEY AND CYPRUS
RESULTED FROM SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMITTEE
DECISIONS WERE REACHED PRIOR TO START OF OPEN HEARING.
THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF GREEK-TURKEY-CYPRUS CHANGES
DURING MARK-UP, AND ADMINISTRATION WITNESSES HAD NO OP-
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POTRUNITY TO PRESENT ADMINISTRATION VIEWS. HIRC PLANS
TO VOTE MAY 4 ON MARKED-UP BILL.

2. SECTION 15 OF THE ACT, ENTITLED ASSISTANCE AND SALES
TO GREECE AND TURKEY, READS AS FOLLOWS AFTER COMPLETION OF
HIRC MARK-UP: BEGIN TEXT: SEC. 15 (A) IN ADDITION TO ANY
AMOUNTS AUTHORIZED TO BE APPROPRIATED BY ANY AMENDMENT MADE

BY THIS ACT WHICH MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR SUCH PURPOSE, THERE ARE AUTHORIZED TO BE APPROPRIATED SUCH SUMS AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1978 TO CARRY OUT INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS RELATING TO DEFENSE COOPERATION WITH GREECE AND TURKEY.

(B) NO FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE OBLIGATED OR EXPENDED TO CARRY OUT ANY AGREEMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) UNTIL LEGISLATION HAS BEEN ENACTED APPROVING SUCH AGREEMENT. (C) FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1978 MAY NOT BE OBLIGATED FOR ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY UNDER CHAPTERS 2 AND 5 OF PART II OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961, OTHER THAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 620(X) OF SUCH ACT. (D) SECTION 620(X)(1) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961 IS AMENDED -- (1) BY STRIKING OUT "FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1976, THE PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 1976, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1976, AND THE FISCAL YEAR 1977," AND INSERTING IN LIEU THEREOF "FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1978"; (2) BY STRIKING OUT "(A) DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 1976 AND THE PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 1976, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1976, THE TOTAL VALUE OF DEFENSE ARTICLES AND DEFENSE SERVICES SOLD TO TURKEY UNDER SUCH ACT, EITHER FOR CASH OR FINANCED BY CREDITS AND GUARANTIES, SHALL NOT EXCEED \$125,000,000, AND (B) DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 1977," AND INSERTING IN LIEU THEREOF "DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 1978" AND (3) BY STRIKING OUT "\$125,000,000" THE SECOND PLACE IT APPEARS AND INSERTING IN LIEU THEREOF "\$175,000,000".
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3. HIRC MARK-UP RESULTED IN TWO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN DRAFT OF SECTION 15 AS SUBMITTED BY ADMINISTRATION: (A) DELETED FOLLOWING CLAUSE WHICH WOULD HAVE FOLLOWED "...OF SUCH ACT" IN SUBSECTION (C): "UNLESS AND UNTIL THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH TURKEY SHALL HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CONGRESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION." DELETED LANGUAGE WOULD HAVE PERMITTED OBLIGATION OF FY 78 FUNDS FOR ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY DESPITE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 620(X) IF TURKISH DCA WERE APPROVED BY CONGRESS.(B)DELETED SUBSECTION(E) WHICH WOULD HAVE ADJUSTED CEILING ON CASH SALES TO TURKEY IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN TAIN ONGOING TURKISH PROCUREMENT OF 40 F-4 AIRCRAFT ON A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT BASIS. SUBSECTION (E) READ AS FOLLOWS: "NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 620(X) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961 OR SECTION 14 OF THIS ACT, THE PRESIDENT MAY SELL TURKEY UNDER THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT DEFENSE ARTICLES AND DEFENSE SERVICES FOR WHICH INITIAL SALES OF LONG LEAD TIME ITEMS HAVE HERETOFORE BEEN MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 620(X) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

ACT OF 1961 FOLLOWING NOTIFICATION TO THE CONGRESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH SECTION AND WITH SECTION 36(B) OF THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT."

4. HIRC MARK-UP ALSO AUTHORIZED \$7.5 MILLION IN SECURITY SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE FOR CYPRUS.

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